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**Intravascular stents coated with polymer and drug - provide
sustained release of e.g. dexamethasone to vascular tissue**

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A method for making an intravascular stent comprises: a) applying to a generally cylindrical stent body a soln. comprising a solvent in which a polymer is dissolved and a therapeutic substance dispersed, and b) evaporating the solvent.

USE - The stent can be used to overcome the problem of restenosis following angioplasty treatment. The stent can be delivered and expanded in a selected blood vessel without losing a significant amt. of drug, and provides sustained release of the drug to vascular tissue.

ADVANTAGE - The prepn. is simple, effected by simply immersing the stent in a soln. or spraying the soln. onto the stent.

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